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Applicant: James F. McGuckin, Jr., et al

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For: **APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING ABLATION FLUID TO TREAT LESIONS**

Commissioner For Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R §1.56, Applicants submit the enclosed PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

It is respectfully requested that the reference(s) listed on Form PTO-1449 be considered during Examination of the above-identified application and made of record therein. This submission is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Copies of the references previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in parent application serial no. 10/081,695, filed February 22, 2002, are not provided herein pursuant to MPEP Section 609.

The citation of the listed item(s) is not a representation that it constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of prior art or that it constitutes prior art. The item(s) listed is/are submitted in good faith, but is/are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner, it will assist the Examiner in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application.

To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action in connection with this case.

Enclosed is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(i).

Enclosed is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d)

Please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i)(1) to Deposit Account No. 501567

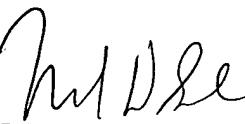
As set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c), to the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before either the mailing of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or the mailing of a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee as provided for in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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